

This Wisdom or the Way of Life was better known in the distant past; the giant civilizations of ancient China, India, Persia, Arabia and Greece were influenced by it. Even then, thousands of years ago, the Way was ancient. By many different names was this Path described; the Chinese knew of the Tao, the Hidden Way; the Wisdom of the Self (Atma-Vidya), the Wisdom which is Divine (Brahma-Vidya) were its names in ancient India. The Sanna Marga of the hoary southern Dravidian is the same as the Aryahata of the northern Buddhist. The Sufi, the Neo-Platonist, the early Christian knew of the straight Path and the narrow Way. In the early centuries of the western era this knowledge was named Theosophy, a word which has been used through the centuries, time and again, and which has become famous the world over because of the reiteration of that Knowledge by H. P. Blavatsky, the Resuscitator of the Theosophical Movement in 1875.

It is very necessary to clear the position of this journal in reference to the word Theosophy, a term deliberately used. Deploring the injury caused to its fair repute, this journal has as one of its objects the cleansing of that noble word from the contamination it has contracted during the last twenty-five years, by a dignified presentation of real Theosophic ideas. THE ARYAN PATH is not connected with any Theosophical Society. It is to be devoted to the consideration of the great ideas found in the principal literatures, philosophies and religions of the world; of all activities irrespective of political parties or shibboleths, working for human betterment; of all movements which spiritually advance the thought of the Race. This is the real Theosophy, the truths uttered by the great seers, sages, poets, writers existing in every nation from modern times extending back into the pre-historic past—not the present current misconceptions clustered around the name.

THE ARYAN PATH is the Noble Path of all times. The word Aryan is not used in its modern ethnological and anthropological sense. THE ARYAN PATH stands for all that is noble in East and West alike, from the ancient times to modern days. The name is indicative of the healthy fusion of Eastern and Western culture. It stands for the Ancient Way of spiritual development and growth in holiness, which is rooted in knowledge, and which can be walked by Brahmanas and Mlechchhas, by Muslims and Infidels, by Christians and Heathens, by Jews and Gentiles, by Zoroastrians and Durvands. It is the Great Path on which men and women of all castes and classes meet in unison, while preserving their individual qualities and abilities; it is the Path of Brotherhood, not the Brotherhood of one race or nation alone, but of Universal Brotherhood. All speak about Brotherhood; many desire its realization; a few seek the knowledge, which, when acquired, enables them to practise and live this ideal. Those few will find in THE ARYAN PATH the practical knowledge of daily living; those many will find it full of ideas which make the realization of Brotherhood possible; but all will find in it ideals and aspirations which enrich life and endow the daily struggle with a noble purpose.

THE ARYAN PATH is dedicated to the Service of Humanity, and its promoters are energized by the example of the Noble Ones whose deeds, influenced by the Spirit of the Great Sacrifice, shine in the secret pages of human annals.

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*The Word and the verses at the head of this text contain the verbal exposition of the symbol on the cover, which is, in one aspect, the radiating of the Great All. He who knows this is fortunate, and will learn to pronounce the syllable*

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